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1. [] observers in Belgrade assert that signs of a relaxation of the tension between the USSR and Tito's government are multiplying. It is even said that the Central Committee of the Communist Union in Yugoslavia has secretly resumed relations with the Central Committee of the Soviet Communist Party--and this with the tacit approval of the Ministry of the Interior at Belgrade. Nothing is said of the attitude of the Yugoslav Foreign Ministry.
2. Under the terms of the secret agreement between the USSR Communists and the Yugoslav Communists, it is reported, the USSR will permit the Yugoslav Communists rights equal with their own in the effort to spread Communist doctrine in the Middle East and in Southeastern Asia.
3. Special institutions have been set up for this purpose. The first of these is to be called the Party Institute. Its purpose is to train special propagandists, who will be sent into Asia. The second is called the Institute for Political Questions. It is to receive Communists and Socialists from Oriental countries, including Arabs, who desire Yugoslav training in Leninist-Titoist principles. This center for student propagandists will operate in Belgrade, in the building of the Higher Training School of the UDB (formerly OZNA, the Yugoslav espionage and counterespionage service).
4. The Soviet Communists see nothing to be alarmed about in the Yugoslav initiative. The USSR Communists think that this will bring into the Communist fold a good many advanced Socialists, Indians, Burmese, Siamese, and Indonesians, among others. Even if the converts adopt the Titoist brand of Communism, they will at least have broken away from the official Socialism of the East, which has always been under the influence of Western Socialists, who have both means and experience.

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5. The Communist educational center in Berlin would be inspired by KUTV (Komunistki Univerzitet Trujascei Vostoka, or Communist Labor University of the East), which was originally founded by Stalin. The purpose of KUTV was to prepare Communist activists for all the countries of the East.
6. The Milovan Djilas affair is one of the episodes in a surreptitious struggle that has been going on between those Yugoslav Communists who are secretly homesick for the Cominform, on the one hand, and moderate Titoists who favor democratization of the Yugoslav regime, on the other. Djilas was one of the men who managed the break with Moscow, a fact that must never be forgotten. He has been accused of flirting with Bevan. His renunciation of Leninist-Stalinist theories was flagrant. The "hard" Communists of Yugoslavia were looking for a chance to smash Djilas, anyhow, because of his deviationism. The rest of the motives underlying the Djilas affair are merely due to a desire to get rid of an opponent. This is, today, an accomplished fact.

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